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In The Matter of United States Patent Application:

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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C.
United States of America 20231

Response to Official Action

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 2, 2004, kindly amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A flexible ladder comprising at least two spaced flexible vertical members, a plurality of horizontal support platforms, each support platform having an opening at each end adapted to receive one of said vertical members and a stop member encircling each of said flexible vertical members thereby providing a downward stop for each step, wherein the stop member is a length of heat-shrinkable tubular sleeving positioned on said flexible vertical member and wherein the support platform is selected from the group consisting of a dowel, a length of plastic, PVC or metal tubing and a wooden or synthetic slat.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (cancelled)